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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A device for detecting the amount of splash water to which a brake pad is subjected on a wet roadway. The device includes a test brake pad, whose friction lining is hygroscopically designed so that it can absorb at least 5%, preferably at least 10% water. In a test phase, vehicles can be easily tested by replacing their stock brake pads with test brake pads. By virtue of the fact that the inventive friction lining is hygroscopic, a direct correlation exists between the water absorption of the friction lining and the amount of moisture led to the friction lining in the form of splash water and air humidity.

ARRANGEMENT OF THE SPECIFICATION

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